PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, WILBER, NEB.
(Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, Pastor),
SEPTEMBER 20-24, 1905.

ALSO THE MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

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HELD IN

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINCOLN, NEB.
(Rev. J. W. Ball, Pastor),
SEPTEMBER 19, 20, and 21, 1905.

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Synodical Calendar, 1905-1906.

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Secretary—Rev. JESSE S. LEAMER, Sidney.
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Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. M. D. BERG,
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Mr. J. F. WILHELMY, two years, Mr. R. WEIDENSALL, one year,
Rev. M. L. MELICK, one year.

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Committee on Minutes of Next Year.

Rev. M. L. KUNKELMAN, Rev. J. ZIMMERMAN, Rev. R. A. WHITE.

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Midland College Trustees.

Rev. JOHN F. SEIBERT, term expires 1907. Rev. J. E. HUMMON, term expires 1906.

Member of National Board Anti-Saloon League.

Rev. M. D. BERG.

SPEAKERS FOR 1906.

Wednesday Night.
Synodical Sermon. Rev. J. A. LOWE, Ph. D.

Thursday Night.
The Church, Workman, and Capital. Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D. D.

Friday Night.
The Baptismal Covenant. Rev. J. A. KOSER.

Saturday Afternoon.
Preparatory Service.
Rev. C. J. RINGER, *Principal.* Rev. L. L. LIPE, *Alternate.*

Saturday Night.
The Confirmation Vow. Rev. JOHN F. SEIBERT.

Sunday Services.
Communion.
Rev. M. D. BERG, *Principal.* Rev. J. W. BALL, *Alternate.*

Ordination Sermon.
Rev. M. L. KUNKELMAN, *Principal.* Rev. R. A. WHITE, *Alternate.*

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—Not set.
Place—Grace Church, Omaha.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in the First Lutheran Church at Wilber, Neb., September 20th to 24th, 1905, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

In lieu of the regular Synodical Sermon by the President of Synod, the First Lutheran Church of Wilber was dedicated. The sermon was preached by Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and the dedicatory services were conducted by the officers of Synod.

After the dedicatory services Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald, General Secretary of the Board of Education, was given the privilege of presenting the work of the Board of Education in the General Synod of the Lutheran Church.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Devotional services were led by Rev. J. W. Poot.

Synod was opened at 9 o'clock by using the full Common Service, conducted by the President.

Roll was called and lay delegates received.

Synodical Roll.

	CLERICAL.	ENTERED MINISTRY.	ADDRESS.	LAY DELEGATES.
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D.....	1841	Crete, Neb.	
2	J. Zimmerman.....	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
3	S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
4	J. F. Kuhlman.....	1858	Goodland, Kan.	
5	J. G. Groenmiller, D. D.	1858	Accident, Md.	
6	B. Sickel, *a*.....	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
7	L. Groh, D. D.....	1863	Omaha, Neb.	John Harberg, *a. e.*
8	J. H. Link, *a. e*.....	1865	Denver, Col.	
9	M. L. Kunkelman.....	1866	Rising City	Oscar A. Wickert.
10	J. L. Hammond.....	1870	Waverly, Neb.	
11	L. L. Lipe.....	1871	West Point.....	G. A. Heller, *a. e.*
12	D. Z. Foulk, *a. e*.....	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
13	I. N. Augustine.....	1874	Grand Island, Neb.	
14	John W. Poot.....	1874	Stella, Neb.	
15	J. W. Kimmel.....	1875	Lincoln, Neb.	
16	J. A. Koser.....	1874	Nebraska City, Neb.	Ralph Weller, *a. e.*
17	J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.....	1876	Beatrice, Neb.....	Charles R. Lowe.
18	N. A. Whitman	1877	Pawnee City, Neb..	J. F. Kerl, *a. e.*
19	L. P. Ludden, D. D....	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	
20	A. T. Ludwig, *a*.....	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
21	W. G. Gettle, *a. e*.....	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
22	M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha, Neb.....	Carl Rench, *a. e.*
23	M. F. Troxell, D. D., *a. e.*	1881	Atchison, Kan.	
24	L. M. Kuhns, *a. e*.....	1885	Omaha, Neb.	
25	H. J. Hapeman, *a. e*....	1886	Imperial, Cal.	
26	R. A. White.....	1886	York, Neb.	
27	E. Bollman.....	1889	Wolbach, Neb.....	J. W. Larsen, *a. e.*
28	S. R. Elson, *a*.....	1889	Omaha, Neb.	
29	J. F. Seibert.....	1891	North Platte, Neb.	
30	W. C. Eckert, *a. e*.....	1891	Dakota City, Neb.	
31	J. S. Leamer.....	1894	Sidney, Neb.	
32	C. J. Ringer.....	1894	Wayne, Neb.	

a. Absent. *a. e.* Absent and excused.

Synodical Roll.—*Concluded.*

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
33	J. W. Ball	1894	Lincoln, Neb.	
34	H. A. Wolfe	1894	McCool Junction, Neb	C. E. Gilliland.
35	W. S. Oberholtzer	1895	Dakota City, Neb.	
36	M. D. Berg	1896	Ponca, Neb.	R. H. Pomeroy, *a. e.*
37	W. F. Poot, LL. D.	1899	Stella, Neb.	
38	G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict, Neb.	
39	Elmer H. Combs	1899	South Sioux, Neb.	W. H. Berger, *a. e.*
40	John E. Hummon	1901	Omaha, Neb.	O. P. Goodman, *a. e.*
41	Roy M. Badger	1902	Hardy, Neb.	
42	W. T. Kahse	1903	Grand Island, Neb.	I. M. Augustine.
43	Charles H. B. Lewis	1904	Wilber, Neb.	
44	L. J. Powell	1904	Sutherland, Neb.	
45	Gustav Klatt	1905	Stamford, Neb.	
46	Oscar Woods	1905	Laramie, Wyo.	
47	Ralph Livers	1905	Atchison, Kan.	
..	.....	....	Yutan, Neb.	Daniel Shupe.
..	.....	....	Tekamah, Neb.	G. A. Crannel.
..	.....	....	Roca, Neb.	Roy W. Crawford.

a. e. Absent and excused.

The President's Report was read and referred to the Committee on President's Report.

President's Report.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

We have gathered once more from our several charges to greet one another in Synodical session. To those who meet with us for the first time we extend the open hand and speak the word of welcome. May your association with us be of long duration and be mutually helpful and delightful!

Our heavenly Father has been gracious unto us the past twelve months. None of the brethren have departed this life, nor has the grim messenger invaded any of our homes. Our good brother, Rev. John E. Hummon, was brought low by sickness, but the prayers of many of his people and of his brother clergy have been answered, and he has recovered from the attack of typhoid that threatened his life. Through the efficiency of our pastors, the devotedness of our people, and the rich blessing of our God, Synod made some progress the past year.

It is with pleasure that I herewith submit my third annual report as your President.

PASTORS RECEIVED.

Rev. George F. Sheese, from the Susquehanna Synod, October 5th, 1904.

Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, from the Synod of Miami, October 21st, 1904.

Rev. W. F. Poot, from the Kansas Synod, November 1st, 1904.

Rev. E. E. Combs, from the Kansas Synod, March 18th, 1905.

Rev. L. J. Powell, a licentiate from the Wittenberg Synod, July 3d, 1905.

Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer, from the Synod of Northern Indiana, August 28th, 1905.

Rev. Roy Menan Badger, from the Synod of Central Illinois, July 1st, 1905.

PASTORS DISMISSED.

Rev. George F. Sheese, to the Pittsburgh Synod, January 28th, 1905.

Rev. S. M. Lesher, having accepted a call to Sedalia, Mo., I granted him a letter to the Kansas Synod February 1st, 1905.

Rev. W. Dieffenbach, having taken charge within the bounds of the Iowa Synod, was dismissed to that body August 8th, 1905.

Rev. J. W. Breitenbach was dismissed to the Synod of Northern Illinois September 7th, 1905.

Rev. Thale P. Skovgard was dismissed to the Synod of Kansas September 21st, 1905.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES AND INSTALLATIONS.

As noted in the report last year, Rev. J. W. Breitenbach closed his work at South Sioux October 1st, 1904, and the resignation of Rev. G. F. Sheese at York took effect November 1st, 1904.

Rev. W. F. Poot accepted a call and became pastor at Stella October 1st, 1904.

Rev. J. L. Hammond resigned at Hardy November 30th, 1904, and accepted a call to the Waverly and Roca pastorate, beginning his work January 15th, 1905.

Rev. R. A. White completed his work as pastor at Waverly and Roca January 8th, 1905, and at once took charge of the York Mission.

Rev. S. M. Lesher resigned the Dakota pastorate, to take effect February 1st, 1905.

Rev. E. E. Combs accepted a unanimous call and became pastor of the South Sioux-Homer charge February 1st, 1905.

Rev. N. A. Whitman's resignation as pastor of the Tekamah charge went into effect February 1st, 1905. April 1st, 1905, Rev. Whitman accepted a call to Pawnee City. Though not a part of the Pawnee City charge, Rev. Whitman also regularly serves the Zion country congregation.

Rev. L. J. Powell, of the Wittenberg Theological Seminary, accepted a call to the newly formed Sutherland and Paxton pastorate, and took charge June 1st, 1905.

Rev. Roy M. Badger accepted the call and became pastor at Hardy June 15th, 1905.

Rev. W. Dieffenbach informed me July 30th, 1905, that he had resigned at Auburn, after a pastorate of over ten years, and would preach his last sermon there August 6th, 1905.

Rev. Jesse W. Ball resigned Grace Church, Lincoln, the resignation taking effect August 31st, 1905.

Rev. J. W. Poot, having felt called to more distinctly evangelistic work, has resigned at Davenport, and will terminate his labors there at the close of Synod.

Rev. W. S. Oberholtzer, of Butler, Ind., has accepted the call to the Dakota pastorate, and will be on the ground October 1st, 1905.

Rev. H. A. Wolfe has resigned at McCool Junction and will terminate his labors, at the close of his fifth pastoral year, November 1st, 1905.

SUPPLIES AND AD INTERIM LICENSE.

Rev. George A. Bowers, D. D., has served the Grand Island Church most acceptably as supply pastor the entire year. During this time the pastor, Rev. W. T. Kahse, completed his course at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary and visited his former home in Germany. Rev. Dr. Bowers will preach what he terms his "adieu" sermon the coming Sunday.

May 3d, 1905, I received an application from Mr. G. Klatt, a student of the Western Theological Seminary, for *ad interim* license. In June, 1903, Mr. Klatt reorganized the congregation at Stamford, where this Synod formerly had a work served by Rev. P. Ewald, now deceased, and where a church was built. He has served this, and a number of other congregations that he has organized, continually since that date, laboring in the summer and attending the Atchison Seminary in the winter months. The last year he took all his studies in the English department. Rev. Dr. F. D. Altman having endorsed Mr. Klatt as a man of good character and as earnest and enthusiastic in his work, I visited Stamford, found his people among the best in the town and community, and devoted to their leader. The congregations I found to be independent of Synodical connection, with that of Stamford really inclined toward our body. Having reported my findings and referred the application to the Examining Committee, on their recommendation I granted Mr. Klatt license until this meeting of Synod.

Mr. J. R. Engar, a student of the Western Seminary, was secured to supply our congregation at Yutan during his summer vacation. Mr. Engar began his work May 14th, and has faithfully, and to the satisfaction of the congregation, labored in the Master's vineyard.

Ralph W. Livers, of our Midland College and Western Seminary, but who took his middle year at Gettysburg, upon the recommendation of the proper persons, was granted *ad interim* license June 20th, 1905, in connection with his work under the direction of the Advisory Board at South Omaha.

Mr. W. S. Bonnell, a graduate of the 1905 class at Gettysburg College, and highly recommended by President Hefelbower and Rev. Dr. Kuhlman, of the

Theological Seminary, was secured to supply the Tekamah pastorate for the summer. Mr. Bonnell began his work July 1st. He has labored efficiently, and has acquired some valuable experience in his life's work.

In order that some work could be more effectively accomplished at Ericson than the pastor, Rev. E. Bollman, could do by a monthly visitation of the field, as well as to occasionally supply the pulpit at Wolbach during the pastor's absence and enable the latter to do some missionary work in contiguous territory, Mr. George M. Mendenhall, of Midland College, 1905, was located at Ericson for the summer vacation. The pastor writes encouragingly of the satisfactory labor of our young brother. The Master's blessing has doubtless been granted and the work considerably strengthened by his self-sacrificing efforts.

INSTALLATIONS.

October 23d, 1904, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis was installed as pastor of the church at Wilber. Rev. Dr. M. F. Troxell delivered the charge to the pastor, and Rev. J. A. Lowe addressed the congregation and conducted the service of installation.

November 20th, 1904, Rev. W. F. Poot was officially inducted into his work as pastor at Stella. By appointment of the President the Rev. John W. Poot, father of the pastor, addressed both pastor and people on their respective duties and conducted the installation.

Installation services were held in both congregations of the Homer-South Sioux charge, and the Rev. E. E. Combs regularly set over the people as their minister. July 12th, 1905, the service was held at Homer, and July 14th, 1905, at South Sioux, Rev. Dr. L. Groh delivering the charge to the pastor at the former, and Rev. Dr. M. F. Troxell at the latter place. Pastor M. D. Berg gave the address to the people in both congregations and conducted the installation.

CONGREGATIONS ORGANIZED, PREACHING PLACES ESTABLISHED, AND CHARGES FORMED.

Grace Lutheran Church of Sutherland was organized January 9th by the President of Synod, with twenty-four charter members. This congregation which applies for admission to Synod, united with Paxton, also organized and for several years supplied on week-day evenings by your President, to form a charge and call a pastor.

Sunday, September 17th, 1905, as a result of a canvass and work by Student Ralph W. Livers, a promising congregation in the important city of South Omaha was organized with twenty-five members. The charter membership roll will be kept open until an officers' election, on October 8th, during which time this number will probably be considerably increased. Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and your President were present and assisted in the organization.

The Sunday school was started August 6th, and already has had over seventy in attendance. The Masonic Hall has been secured for the services. This congregation applies for admission at this convention.

Rev. E. Bollman has established a preaching station at Cushing, seven miles from Wolbach, where he now has six members and $600.00 subscribed toward a church building. A congregation will probably be organized the coming year.

Missionary Livers has been preaching on Sunday evenings at Benson, a suburb of Omaha. The Lutheran population constitutes fully one-half of the town. Though it may take some hard work, because of peculiar circumstances, a congregation can eventually be organized, and possibly within a short time, for some months, and be served in connection with South Omaha.

Your committee, consisting of Revs. L. L. Lipe, S. M. Lesher, and M. D. Berg, appointed last year with power to act, to endeavor to effect a suitable division of the work in Dakota County, have performed their work and placed their report in my hands. Homer, a part of the Dakota charge, by mutual consent, was released from that charge and united with South Sioux, to form a pastorate. By this division a less appropriation was required from the Board of Home Missions. A parsonage is now being built at Homer, and it will probably not be many years until the new charge will become self-sustaining. Thus has succeeded the effort that eighteen years ago was attempted and failed.

VACANCIES.

Yutan has been without a regular pastor all the year, and Tekamah since February 1st, 1905, although both have had occasional services and have had regular student supplies during the summer vacation. The former could have secured a pastor, but could not raise a sufficient support. Tekamah thus far has been unable to secure a pastor, though it shows a disposition to pay a fair salary. Your President has co-operated in the endeavor to secure a shepherd and has written many men whom it was hoped might be led to accept the call.

Auburn and Lincoln have recently become vacant. From present indications both will soon again have regular leaders.

Dakota, as already reported, will have a pastor on the ground next week, but at that time Davenport, and shortly thereafter McCool, will again be added to the list. With the dearth of ministers all over the Church, it takes much and continuous correspondence to keep the churches reasonably well shepherded.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH PROPERTY, DEBTS PAID, ETC.

Davenport.—This church was improved with new paper, new carpet, and gasoline lights. The Young People's Society paid the bill of $150.00.

Dakota.—Here a new furnace was installed at a cost of $175.00, and at

Salem Church of the same charge a furnace was also added at a cost of $250.00.

Homer.—This congregation put down a permanent brick walk in front of the church at a cost of $50.00, and, as already mentioned, is now building a cozy parsonage for the devoted pastor, Rev. E. E. Combs. The property will be up to date. The house will have five rooms, bath, and necessary closets. There will be a stable, sheds, well, cistern, and good fence around the entire lot. Much of the labor and some of the material will be donated. The cash outlay will be about $1,300.00, over $1,000.00 of which has already been subscribed.

Sidney.—The last $75.00 of indebtedness on this church was canceled during the year. Electric lights will presently be installed and will be paid for when the work is completed.

Beatrice.—The church here has been re-roofed at an expense of $215.00.

Wilber.—Permanent brick walks have been laid, the church and parsonage painted, electric-light clusters installed, pulpit and choir platforms changed, and other improvements made. The cost was $160.00, with much of the labor donated.

Nebraska City.—An old debt of $200.00 has been paid during the year, and improvements in the parsonage property to the extent of $200.00.

Wayne.—Next to the magnificent Kountze Memorial of Omaha, which is now nearing completion, the greatest triumph of the year in church building or church improvements was the re-building of the church at Wayne. The church papers and *Missionary Journal* have already contained a full description of what has been accomplished. The re-modeling included the addition of a pulpit recess, pastor's study, new roof, steel ceiling, beautiful art windows, furnace, carpet, paper, and fine pulpit and altar furniture. It was a fitting tribute and a noble act on the part of the Schnur family that the pulpit and altar recess, including the furniture and window, should be given to the memory of the husband and father, the Rev. George H. Schnur, Sr., the founder of the church and for years one of the most loyal and devoted fathers and members of the Nebraska Synod. The total cost of the improvements was $2,780.00. This amount, together with $200.00 yet owed on the parsonage, has been secured in cash and good subscriptions. Revs. Drs. H. L. Yarger, L. P. Ludden, and Rev. M. L. Melick, a former pastor, assisted at the re-dedicatory services. When one remembers that six years ago the church was out of repair and without pews, with the membership so reduced in numbers that disbanding was seriously considered, and that now we have a beautiful building, a commodious parsonage, and a membership of one hundred, the heart wells up with praise to Almighty God. A year ago we predicted that Rev. C. J. Ringer, the successful pastor, would rightly guide his loyal and devoted people in the church improvements then contemplated. He has done so to the glory of God and the good of the church, and both he and the people are to be commended on the splendid achievement. In this connec-

tion we note with pleasure the tendency in our Synod to greater churchliness when new houses of worship are erected or old ones re-modeled. Pastors and committees before building or extensively re-modeling churches should consult some good Lutheran architect, who understands Lutheran symbolism, like Robert Gotwald, of Springfield, Ohio; J. A. Dempwolf, of York, Pa.; or George C. Baum, of Pittsburgh, and not be content to copy the plans of Methodist or other church builders. We want our Lutheran Churches to be more than assembly halls; we want them to be real churchly places of worship.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The office of Secretary having become vacant by the removal of Rev. S. M. Lesher on February 1st, 1905, I appointed Rev. J. S. Leamer to that position and ordered all records of the office sent to him.

By the removal of Rev. S. M. Lesher the office of Clerical Trustee to Midland College also became vacant. I appointed the Rev. John E. Hummon to fill the vacancy. The Minutes of last year do not mention that Trustees to Midland were elected at that time. If the Minutes are correct, Synod overlooked the matter. Trustees, one clerical and one lay, were first elected in 1900, and the term of office was made two years. In 1902 both Trustees were re-elected. In 1903 Rev. S. M. Lesher was elected to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Sponseller. Hence their successors should have been elected last year; but since there is no record to that effect I recommend that this Synod elect one clerical and one lay Trustee, and that their names, with the date of the expiration of their term of office, be placed on the page of the Minutes containing the Synodical Calendar.

September 8th, 1905, I appointed Rev. R. A. White to fill the vacancy on the Examining Committee caused by the removal of Rev. W. Dieffenbach.

Third Professor at the Western Seminary.—The decision of the Board of Education to strengthen the Theological Seminary on this territory by the addition of another professor will be received with pleasure by this body. The one great desideratum of our Western Church is a largely increased number of ministers for our congregations and promising mission fields. Nebraska Synod, within the past few years at least, has not experienced half the difficulty in securing fair appropriations for new missions of reasonable promise, from either the Home Mission or Church Extension Boards, that she has had in securing the properly qualified men to take charge of them as pastors, as well as supply our vacant established churches. Not without success in securing a number of thoroughly competent, pious, and wide-awake brethren for our territory, the conviction has deepened that, in addition to repeatedly sending forth the Macedonian call to our brethren of the East, we must look more to our own resources, call more upon our own congregations for their boys and educate them in our own schools for the ministry on our own territory. We

must have men, *more* men, and STILL MORE men if we are to occupy, *occupy*, OCCUPY as we ought. The East can scarcely spare a man without injustice to its own work. The exigencies of the times and the needs of our field require that our students be given the benefit of as liberal theological and stalwart Lutheran education as can be secured in any of the institutions of our Church. The election of a capable teacher to the chair of Greek Exegesis will, therefore, doubtless meet your enthusiastic approval. With Rev. Dr. Altman, the President of the Seminary, a member of the Kansas Synod, and Rev. Dr. Neve, of the German Department, a member of the German Synod of Nebraska, the new professor should be asked to place his membership with this body.

Revs. W. T. Kahse, of Grand Island, a licentiate of this body, and L. J. Powell, of Sutherland, a licentiate of the Wittenberg Synod, are applicants for ordination, and Revs. Ralph W. Livers, Oscar Woods, and Gustav Klatt ask to have their licenses continued. The requests of these brethren have been presented to the Examining Committee.

CONCLUSION.

My official term as your President is now about ended. Having filled the office for the full time allowed by the Constitution, it becomes your duty to elect my successor. I am deeply grateful to you for your confidence in thus having entrusted to me for three years this position of responsibility. I have endeavored in every way I knew how to serve your best interests, and to strengthen the confidence of the Boards and of the Church generally in our Synod. There is reason for gratitude to-day that our body does enjoy to a marked degree the respect and confidence of those Boards especially with which we necessarily are brought into closest touch. My colleagues in office have been uniformly courteous and willing to assist in every good work. Our Treasurer has been remarkably diligent in looking after the collection of the entire apportionment. My judgment is that this or any other Synod cannot get a more efficient and aggressive Treasurer than our brother, Dr. Joseph H. Miller. In surrendering my work I can ask for my successor nothing better than the same measure of co-operation, promptness in answering correspondence, and willingness to be helped on the part of our people and Secretaries of our Church Councils than have been vouchsafed unto me.

Nebraska Synod has a future. There is no question about our field. Our opportunities are great and our prospects are as bright "as the promises of God." May the sweet spirit of brotherly affection, devotedness to our Church, and loyalty to our Christ characterize the sessions of this convention. In His name,

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. SEIBERT.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

Brethren of the Synod of Nebraska:

Hereby is submitted my third annual report as Treasurer for the year ending September 15th, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report		$536 32
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$583 32	
Sunday School	201 19	
Synodical Mission Fund	239 57	
Special Pledges	109 00	
		1133 08
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$495 29	
Sunday School	114 20	
First Seventy	25 00	
		634 49
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$428 68	
Sunday School	69 72	
		498 40
Received for Educational Purposes—		
Board of Education	$329 54	
Ministerial Education	391 68	
Nebraska Synod Professorship	5 00	
		726 22
Received for Synodical Treasury		240 12
Received for Deaconess Board		168 10
Received for Pastors' Fund		163 63
Received for Orphans' Home		158 25
Received for National Lutheran Home		106 60
Received for General Synod		73 63
Total		$4438 84

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		$887 70
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions		635 93
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		489 58
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		324 29
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		172 49
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund		164 40
Paid Treasurer of Orphans' Home		157 15
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		111 90
Paid Treasurer of General Synod		80 88
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		5 00
Paid Treasurer of Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society		2 18
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
Rev. J. W. Breitenbach	$25 00	
Rev. J. W. Ball	5 65	
Rev. Horace Martin	1 50	
Rev. John W. Poot	2 20	
Rev. R. A. White	105 00	
Rev. Ralph Livers	75 00	
		214 35
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
R. F. White	$125 00	
J. M. Hershey	40 00	
J. R. Enger	60 00	
		225 00
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Lutheran Publication Society	$148 48	
Rev. John F. Seibert	54 02	
Rev. S. M. Lesher	42 47	
Rev. M. F. Troxell	7 65	
Rev. J. F. Sponseller	7 50	
Rev. J. E. Hummon	5 50	
Rev. J. A. Koser	3 85	
Rev. H. A. Wolfe	1 25	
Joseph H. Miller	9 50	
Semi-Weekly Tribune, Stationery	11 75	
		291 97
Cash on hand		676 92
Total		$4438 84

The cash on hand is distributed as follows—

Ministerial Education	$491 97	
Synodical Mission Fund	124 42	
Various Funds	61 01	
		$677 40
Synodical Treasury, overdraft		1 38
Total		$676 02

The total amount received during the Synodical year is $3,902.52, which is $228.77 more than the amount received last year up to the convening of Synod.

All orders drawn on Synodical Treasury are paid, leaving that fund overdrawn $1.38.

Collected from former beneficiary students $107.75 for said fund.

Out of 39 churches, 23 equaled or exceeded their apportionment, Surprise standing at the head with 154.27 per cent., and Rising City second with 127.67 per cent.

Including the amount given for external objects, Surprise again stands at the head with $2.32 per member, and St. Mark's, Omaha, second with $2.22 per member; then follow Homer with $1.81, Ponca $1.79, Rising City $1.76, and North Platte $1.69.

There was given toward external objects $139.00.

It will be noted that the Synod, as a whole, raised 94.62 per cent. of her entire apportionment.

We are glad to state that our Synod sent her delegates to the convention of the General Synod at Pittsburgh able to report that the apportionment had been exceeded for every General Synod object. This was accomplished by your hearty co-operation. Let not Nebraska Synod come short two years hence.

I hereby extend my heartfelt gratitude for the courtesies and support extended me by the members of this Synod during the past year as its Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 15.

Davenport	$27 00
Sidney	1 00
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller	5 00
Nebraska City	5 00
Lincoln	19 41
Total	$57 41

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Treasurer's Exhibit for th

	Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.			Church Extension.	
	Regular.	Sunday School.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Special Objects.	Regular.	Sunday School.	First Seventy.	Regular.	Sunday School.
Auburn	$5 28				$9 16			$5 56	
Beatrice	44 52		$11 13	$7 00	31 80			31 80	
Benedict, Bethel	10 36		2 59		7 40			7 40	
Benedict, Zion	25 20		6 30		15 14	$2 86		13 37	$4 63
Dakota City, Emmanuel	1 81	$9 39	2 80		11 47	1 53		2 00	6 07
Dakota City, Salem	16 50	10 37	9 90		19 11			19 00	
Davenport	10 00		1 00		2 92	9 75		4 38	5 62
Davenport, St. Paul's	6 60		1 40			4 16			1 78
Grand Island	18 13	16 87	8 75		25 98			23 00	6 47
Hardy	17 36		4 34		6 35	6 05		12 40	
Hardy, Jewell	5 60		1 40		4 00			4 00	
Homer	6 20		1 54	2 90	4 63			4 40	
Lincoln	42 90				25 00	25 00		5 81	
McCool Junction	21 28		5 32		15 20		$25 00		
Nebraska City	28 56		7 14	10 00	20 40			20 40	
North Platte	23 94	32 66	20 00	23 00	19 35	12 65		12 00	20 00
Omaha, Grace	13 25	10 00	8 00			21 70		1 46	5 88
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	8 25	61 75	27 50		50 00			50 00	
Omaha, St. Mark's	22 40		13 00	40 00	46 00			16 00	
Pawnee City	20 92		2 73		7 80			7 80	
Paxton		8 35	5 72		5 00			5 00	
Ponca	21 72	12 74	8 00	5 00	23 40	12 25		18 40	
Rising City	10 00	9 20	4 36		2 30	13 55		18 17	
Roca		6 50	1 70			4 70			5 00
Sidney	10 85				5 00			8 00	
Sidney, St. Paul's	4 21		50		1 23			4 20	
South Sioux City	9 55		1 00	1 20	4 52			4 00	
Stella	22 68		5 67		16 20			16 20	
Surprise	15 00		17 14	10 00	14 34			15 11	
Tekamah, Emmanuel	13 72		3 43	10 00	9 80			9 80	
Tekamah, Grace	12 98							9 20	
Waverly	9 24	4 48	3 43		9 80			9 80	
Wayne	20 45		1 35		5 00			3 00	
West Point	57 40		29 35		41 00			41 00	
Wilber	7 05	10 35	4 34		13 99			10 00	
Wolbach	6 00	5 24	5 20		8 00				8 00
Wolbach, Ericson	4 48		1 12		1 77			3 20	
York	8 96				3 50			2 40	3 00
Yutan	2 14	3 29			3 80			3 80	
Sutherland			4 50						
Offerings of Synod	2 83		6 22		1 73			2 82	
J. S. Wilson									
O. F. L. Herse									
Rev. J. M. Kimmel									
Rev. Luther M. Kuhns									
Rev. J. Zimmerman									
Rev. S. R. Elson									
Rev. L. P. Ludden									
Rev. W. F. Eyster	1 00				1 00			1 00	
Rev. I. N. Augustine									
Rev. M. F. Troxell									
Rev. W. G. Gettle									
Rev. A. F. Ludwig									
Rev. J. H. Link									
Rev. T. P. Skovgard									
Rev. H. J. Hapeman									
Rev. Samuel L. Aughey	3 00		3 00		2 00			1 00	
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman	1 00								
Stamford			8 50						
Totals	$583 32	$201 29	$239 57	$109 00	$495 29	$114 20	$25 00	$428 68	$69 70

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Sunday School.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Midland College.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	Pastors' Fund.	National Lutheran Home.	Orphans' Home.	Totals.	Paid Toward External Objects.	Paid on Apportionment.	Per Cent. Paid on Apportionment.
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On motion, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. F. G. Gotwald, General Secretary of the Board of Education, were recognized in their official capacity and accorded the privileges of the floor.

On motion, it was decided to make it a special order, immediately after the election of the officers of Synod, to hear Doctors Yarger and Kline in the interests of their respective Boards.

Election of Officers.

President—Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

Secretary—Rev. J. S. Leamer.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. C. J. Ringer.

Treasurer—J. H. Miller, M. D.

On motion, it was decided to elect a Historian.

Rev. M. L. Melick was elected to that office.

The time for the special order having arrived, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., presented the work of the Board of Church Extension, and Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., the work of the Board of Foreign Missions. It was with great pleasure that the Synod heard of the progress that had been made during the past year.

It was moved and unanimously carried that the Synod express its appreciation to the Boards of Education, of Church Extension, and Foreign Missions, for so kindly sending their representative to us and for the good work they have done, and promise them our earnest co-operation.

On motion, it was decided to make it a special order to hear the Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The hours for the sessions of Synod were fixed at 9 to 11.45 o'clock A. M. and 2 to 4.30 o'clock P. M., the evening service to begin at 7.30 o'clock.

List of Committees.

The following Committees were appointed by the President:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. M. L. Melick, and Rev. Ralph Livers.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. G. W. Livers, Rev. C. J. Ringer, and Mr. O. A. Wickert.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. N. A. Whitman, Rev. J. A. Koser, and Mr. Roy W. Crawford.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Mr. George Crannell, and Rev. I. N. Augustine.

5. *Committee on State of Religion*—Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Rev. J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Poot.

6. *Committee on Excuses*—Rev. M. D. Berg, Rev. Gustav Klatt, and Mr. Daniel Shupe.

7. *Committee on Leave of Absence*—Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. L. J. Powell, and Mr. W. H. Berger.

8. *Committee on Resolutions*—Rev. J. F. Seibert, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. J. F. Kuhlman.

9. *Apportionment Committee*—Rev. L. L. Lipe, Dr. Joseph H. Miller, and Mr. Charles R. Lowe.

10. *Committee on Vacancies*—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Rev. L. L. Lipe, and Rev. J. A. Koser.

11. *Calendar Committee*—Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D., and Rev. M. L. Melick.

12. *Committee on Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. Roy M. Badger, and Rev. John E. Hummon.

13. *Minutes of Next Year*—Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Rev. J. Zimmerman, and Rev. Robert A. White.

14. *Committee on Sunday Services*—Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, and Rev. J. W. Poot.

On motion, the following reporters were appointed:

Lutheran Observer—Rev. Ralph Livers.

Lutheran World—Rev. Elmer H. Combs.

Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. Roy M. Badger.

Wilber Papers—Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis.

Lincoln Dailies—Rev. J. W. Ball.

Omaha Dailies—Rev. John E. Hummon.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Zimmerman.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman.

Minutes were approved.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod would report the following:

Item 1, page 25. Moved that Synod memorialize General Synod requesting that the Board of Church Extension be instructed to solicit and provide for a Parsonage Fund as they do for the General Fund. Did our delegates to General Synod carry out above instructions?

Ans. Referred back to the Board of Church Extension to report two years hence.

Item 2, page 25. A committee, composed of brothers Rev. S. M. Lesher and Mr. M. G. Leamer, was appointed to make some disposition of what is known as the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Dixon County. What has the committee done in the matter?

Ans. Reported progress.

Item 3, page 37. A special committee was appointed, with power to act, to readjust our work in Dakota County. Said committee consists of Brothers Lipe, Berg, and Lesher. What has the committee done?

See President's Report.

Item 4, page 37. The Advisory Board of Home Missions was recommended to take Hastings into careful consideration, with a view of inaugurating work there during the Synodical year. Has anything been done?

Action deferred.

Item 5, page 37. Brother J. A. Lowe was appointed to visit Blue Hill to ascertain what encouragement there may be for an English Lutheran Church at that place. Has the brother done it?

Ans. Rev. John W. Poot visited Hastings, and reported that, at present, conditions would not justify any effort to that purpose.

Item 6, page 37. Rev. L. L. Lipe was requested to hold services at Oakland once a month, with the consent of the church at West Point. Have such services been held?

Ans. He reported having visited the field, but found nothing could be done at present.

Item 7, page 37. It was recommended that the President of Synod arrange, if possible, with a student to develop our work in and around Sutherland and Paxton. What has been done?

See President's Report.

Item 8, page 38. The President was instructed to make an effort to relieve the Board of Church Extension of incidental expenses necessary to preserve the Steinauer Church property. Has he succeeded in doing so?

Ans. No expenses reported during the past year.

Item 9, page 38. Students from the seminary supplying Pawnee were requested to supply Steinauer once a month with preaching. Have such services been rendered?

Ans. No.

Item 10, page 36. Rev. W. F. Poot was requested to hold monthly services at Falls City until the feasibility of starting a permanent work in that place shall be determined. Has Brother Poot done so?

Ans. The Stella congregation refused to permit him to visit Falls City.

Item 11, page 21. The President of South Platte Conference was instructed to write Revs. B. Sickel and J. W. Kimmel and remind them of their duties to conference.

Item 12, page 23. It was recommended that Rev. Luther M. Kuhns be instructed to bring or forward the papers relating to property belonging to Church Extension to next meeting of Synod.

Ans. Has not been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. KUNKELMAN,
G. W. LIVERS.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would submit the following:

We entered upon the Synodical year with but one young man receiving aid from this Synod, Frederick White, of the Sophomore Class at Midland College. The amount appropriated by Synod, $125.00, was paid him in full.

In January following we admitted two more, who were then in our institutions at Atchison, Kan., viz., J. R. Engar, of the Junior Class of the Theological Department, who is also pursuing some studies in the college, and John Hershey, of the Preparatory Department, the former receiving $60.00 and the latter $40.00 for the balance of the year.

Reports of J. R. Engar and John Hershey show good deportment and faithful work. The report of Frederick White indicates improvement during the latter portion of the year.

We incidentally learned that Orlando Briggs, who formerly received some aid from this Synod, did not return to Midland College at the opening of the last scholastic year; that with his parents he had removed to Boulder, Col., where, we were informed, he was attending school. We wrote the brother, making inquiry as to whether he is continuing his preparations for the Lutheran ministry, but thus far we have received no reply.

Since coming to Synod we have been informed that Frederick White has not returned to college. Why this is your committee has not been informed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
J. S. LEAMER,
J. W. BALL,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Report adopted.

Supplementary Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

1. Your committee would recommend that J. C. Hershey be continued upon the funds of the Synod with an appropriation of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the ensuing year.

2. That the cases of J. R. Engar and Frederick White, neither of whom have renewed their applications for aid, be submitted to the judgment of your committee with power to act.

3. An application was made for aid by J. W. Poot, Jr., who appeared before your committee in person. Mr. Poot impresses your committee as a young man of worth and promise. He seems to be qualified to enter Freshmen Class, at least, in college. Inasmuch, however, as this brother is a member of a sister denomination, and our Constitution requires applicants to have been members of the Lutheran Church for a period of one year prior to receiving aid from this Synod, we, therefore, submit this application to this body for action. In case, however, that he should be admitted upon our funds, we recommend that his appropriation shall be one hundred and twenty-five ($125.00) dollars for the ensuing year.

4. An application in behalf of Martin Martinsen was made by his pastor, Rev. E. Bollman. As this young man did not appear before your committee in person we can give you no information, save that which we have at second hand. The recommendation furnished us by his pastor, however, is most favorable. As this young man does not meet our constitutional requirements, being qualified to enter the lowest class in the Preparatory Department, we would submit this application also to this body for decision, and would recommend that, in case he is admitted, an appropriation of one hundred ($100.00) dollars be made for him for the ensuing year.

5. *Resolved*, That your committee be instructed to have blank application forms prepared, for such as seek aid from this fund, setting forth our constitutional requirements and propounding such other questions as should be answered by these who would receive favorable consideration from your committee and Synod, and that such applications shall be made annually by our beneficiaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
J. S. LEAMER,
J. W. BALL,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Report adopted.

On motion, the Ministerial Education Committee was empowered to grant aid to Mr. J. W. Poot, Jr., on condition that he comply with our requirements and unite with the Lutheran Church at Atchison, Kan.

On motion, it was decided to receive Martin Martinsen on the funds of Synod.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your committee would report that we have distributed ten thousand envelopes since the beginning of last Synodical year at a cost of $18.12, and it is gratifying to the committee to note that they were generally used in the congregations with good results, with a marked increase of benevolence over the previous year.

94.62 per cent. of the apportionment has been raised. The majority of the congregations have raised or exceeded their amount. We pray that the spirit of giving may continue to grow until every congregation will give as God has prospered it.

Your committee recommend a continuance of the systematic efforts on the part of pastors, and that Synod make provision for a sufficient supply of envelopes for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
J. L. HAMMOND,
E. BOLLMAN.

Report adopted.

The following motions were made and adopted by the Synod:

That the Committee on Apportionment Table be instructed to arrange the various items of benevolence in the same order as found on the Parochial Report Blanks.

That the apportionment be based upon the number of communicant members.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on Minutes of the North Platte Conference beg leave to report they have examined the minutes of the last meeting and find nothing claiming the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. WHITMAN,
J. A. KOSER,
R. W. CRAWFORD.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Mr. G. A. Crannel.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

An address on "Sabbath Desecration" was made by Rev. John E. Hummon, of Omaha.

Offering, $3.33.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service was led by Rev. Elmer H. Combs.

Synod opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D.

Minutes were approved.

Report of the Statistical Secretary.

(See Report, pages 50-55.)

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that the letter received from Christian Jensen with reference to students in the University of Breklum, Germany, be read before Synod and given due consideration.

2. Having received the application from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sutherland, Neb., and examined application papers, we find them in accord with the requirements of the General Synod, and recommend that this congregation be received into the Synod.

3. A communication received from the American Anti-Saloon League, calling attention to the convention to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., November 22d-24th, 1905, and requesting this Synod to send delegates and also a representative for the National Board of Direction. We heartily endorse the work of the Anti-Saloon League in suppressing the saloon, and recommend that this Synod, according to request, select two delegates, to travel at their own expense, and choose a representative for the National Board of Direction.

4. The application of Trinity Lutheran Church of South Omaha for admittance to the Synod of Nebraska has been received. We recommend that this congregation be received into Synod.

5. A Midland College Statement from Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President, has been received. The committee recommend that the statement be read and duly acted upon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HAMMOND,
J. E. HUMMON,
ROY M. BADGER.

Report adopted *seriatim*.

On motion, it was decided that the letter from Christian Jensen be referred to a committee of one, to co-operate with such committees from other Synods on this territory and arrange for some plan of operation.

Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., was selected as the committee.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The paper submitted to us for examination is that of the President's Report. While we find nothing in this document claiming special attention of this body, save such matters as will come up in natural order during this session of Synod, we are pleased to say that it exhibits unusual faithfulness and diligence on the part of our presiding officer during his term of office. This Synod owes our retiring President a special debt of gratitude for the untiring effort manifested in the enlargement of our work by organizing new congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
M. L. MELICK,
G. W. LIVERS.

Report adopted.

	Number of Members.	Dues. General Synod.	Dues. Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	National Home.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 02	$0 10	$0 28	$0 25	$0 20	$0 12	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$0 10	$1 38
Auburn	63	1 26	6 30	17 64	15 75	12 60	7 56	4 41	4 41	3 15	4 41	3 15	6 30	86 94
Beatrice	144	2 88	14 40	40 32	36 00	28 80	17 28	10 08	10 08	7 20	10 08	7 20	14 40	198 72
Benedict, Bethel	34	68	3 40	9 52	8 50	6 80	4 08	2 38	2 38	1 70	2 38	1 70	3 40	46 92
Benedict, Zion	97	1 94	9 70	27 16	24 25	19 40	11 64	6 79	6 79	4 85	6 79	4 85	9 70	133 86
Dakota City, Immanuel	31	62	3 10	8 68	7 75	6 20	3 72	2 17	2 17	1 55	2 17	1 55	3 10	42 78
Dakota City, Salem	87	1 74	8 70	24 36	21 75	17 40	10 44	6 09	6 09	4 35	6 09	4 35	8 70	120 06
Davenport	100	2 00	10 00	28 00	25 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	138 00
Davenport, St. Paul's	22	44	2 20	6 16	5 50	4 40	2 64	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 54	1 10	2 20	30 36
Ericson	16	32	1 60	4 48	4 00	3 20	1 92	1 12	1 12	80	1 12	80	1 60	22 08
Grand Island	125	2 50	12 50	35 00	31 25	25 00	15 00	8 75	8 75	6 25	8 75	6 25	12 50	172 50
Hardy	67	1 34	6 70	18 76	16 75	13 40	8 04	4 69	4 69	3 35	4 69	3 35	6 70	92 46
Hardy, Jewell	15	30	1 50	4 20	3 75	3 00	1 80	1 05	1 05	75	1 05	75	1 50	20 70
Homer	35	70	3 50	9 80	8 75	7 00	4 20	2 45	2 45	1 75	2 45	1 75	3 50	48 30
Lincoln	198	3 96	19 80	55 44	49 50	39 60	23 76	13 86	13 86	9 90	13 86	9 90	19 80	273 24
McCool Junction	76	1 52	7 60	21 28	19 00	15 20	9 12	5 32	5 32	3 80	5 32	3 80	7 60	104 88
Nebraska City	102	2 04	10 20	28 56	25 50	20 40	12 24	7 14	7 14	5 10	7 14	5 10	10 20	140 76
North Platte	160	3 20	16 00	44 80	40 00	32 00	19 20	11 20	11 20	8 00	11 20	8 00	16 00	220 80
Omaha, Grace	111	2 22	11 10	31 08	27 75	22 20	13 32	7 77	7 77	5 55	7 77	5 55	11 10	153 18
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	300	6 00	30 00	84 00	75 00	60 00	36 00	21 00	21 00	15 00	21 00	15 00	30 00	414 00
Omaha, St. Mark's	79	1 58	7 90	22 12	19 75	15 80	9 48	5 53	5 53	3 95	5 53	3 95	7 90	109 02
Pawnee City	44	88	4 40	12 32	11 00	8 80	5 28	3 08	3 08	2 20	3 08	2 20	4 40	60 72
Paxton	26	52	2 60	7 28	6 50	5 20	3 12	1 82	1 82	1 30	1 82	1 30	2 60	35 88

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

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Per Member	....	$0 02	$0 10	$0 28	$0 25	$0 20	$0 12	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$0 10	$1 38
Ponca	100	2 00	10 00	28 00	25 00	20 00	12 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	138 00
Rising City	73	1 46	7 30	20 44	18 25	14 60	8 76	5 11	5 11	3 65	5 11	3 65	7 30	100 74
Roca	24	48	2 40	6 72	6 00	4 80	2 88	1 68	1 68	1 20	1 68	1 20	2 40	33 12
Sidney	48	96	4 80	13 44	12 00	9 60	5 76	3 36	3 36	2 40	3 36	2 40	4 80	66 24
Sidney, St. Paul's	22	44	2 20	6 16	5 50	4 40	2 64	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 54	1 10	2 20	30 36
South Sioux	35	70	3 50	9 80	8 75	7 00	4 20	2 45	2 45	1 75	2 45	1 75	3 50	48 30
South Omaha	25	50	2 50	7 00	6 25	5 00	3 00	1 75	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	2 50	34 50
Stella	73	1 46	7 30	20 44	18 25	14 60	8 76	5 11	5 11	3 65	5 11	3 65	7 30	100 74
Surprise	50	1 00	5 00	14 00	12 50	10 00	6 00	3 50	3 50	2 50	3 50	2 50	5 00	69 00
Sutherland	24	48	2 40	6 72	6 00	4 80	2 88	1 68	1 68	1 20	1 68	1 20	2 40	33 12
Tekamah, Immanuel	37	74	3 70	10 36	9 25	7 40	4 44	2 59	2 59	1 85	2 59	1 85	3 70	51 06
Tekamah, Grace	39	78	3 90	10 92	9 75	7 80	4 68	2 73	2 73	1 95	2 73	1 95	3 90	53 82
Waverly	47	94	4 70	13 16	11 75	9 40	5 64	3 29	3 29	2 35	3 29	2 35	4 70	64 86
Wayne	107	2 14	10 70	29 96	26 75	21 40	12 84	7 49	7 49	5 35	7 49	5 35	10 70	147 66
West Point	207	4 14	20 70	57 96	51 75	41 40	24 84	14 49	14 49	10 35	14 49	10 35	20 70	285 66
Wilber	57	1 14	5 70	15 96	14 25	11 40	6 84	3 99	3 99	2 85	3 99	2 85	5 70	78 66
Wolbach	47	94	4 70	13 16	11 75	9 40	5 64	3 29	3 29	2 35	3 29	2 35	4 70	64 86
York	35	70	3 50	9 80	8 75	7 00	4 20	2 45	2 45	1 75	2 45	1 75	3 50	48 30
Yutan	19	38	1 90	5 32	4 75	3 80	2 28	1 33	1 33	95	1 33	95	1 90	26 22
Totals	3001	$60 02	$300 10	$840 28	$750 25	$600 20	$360 12	$210 07	$210 07	$150 05	$210 07	$150 05	$300 10	$4141 38

Respectfully submitted, L. L. LIPE, JOSEPH H. MILLER, C. R. LOWE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion.

The reports on the state of religion, as handed in by the pastors, have been very carefully read by your committee. Taking out the personal element which enters so largely in these reports, the committee still find it a difficult task to present to you a word-picture of the religious condition of the Church in our Nebraska Synod.

Generally speaking, the reports show small attendance at the prayer meetings and a corresponding lack of interest. Why? Is it because our pastors are not faithful? Is it because they are only expecting about so many to attend and thus God measures out unto them according to their faith? Is it because of the all-powerful commercial spirit that has taken such deep hold on our people; that, as of old, the golden-calf worship is again pushed to the front? Let us look for and expect larger blessing in this direction, for the gates of hell never have, and we have God's promise that they never shall prevail against the Church.

The committee note with pleasure the faithful work of our pastors in the regularity with which the Lord's Supper is administered, and the work of baptizing of our children. A few reports show a laxness on the part of the members in attendance at some of the communion seasons.

The work in the Sunday school and the catechetical classes are carried forward in all our churches with increasing interest, thus bringing into our churches carefully trained and intelligent church members.

There has been an increase in the number of Missionary Societies. There is still room for improvement along this line.

In the matter of benevolence there has been, in most cases, a marked advance until many of our pastors report the entire apportionment met. We commend this spirit of giving back to God a little of the much that He has given us.

Many of the reports reveal that in many of our churches there is a lack of vital piety. It is something to be coveted, something worth our very best efforts to see more firmly fixed in the lives of our members.

No Church in all this great State is better equipped for the doing of faithful work for the Master than our own beloved Lutheran Zion. We belong to the great, growing church of the Reformation. There ought to be going up from us a united prayer of a richer, larger pentecostal blessing; yes, on the part of pastors and people, let us in this coming year have a little longer tarrying in the place of prayer, and then will we go forth with power from on high to do the great work committed unto us.

We are truly thankful that God has honored our labors in the past until we show a gain in benevolence, advance in missionary activity, increase in congregations, forward movement in godly membership, faithfulness on the part of the pastors. Some of these results we can tabulate and present to the world, but the great hidden life with Christ in God, the reaching out on the spiritual

side, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, cannot be put in cold type and exhibited to the world, but it will manifest itself in our religious life as day by day we seek to carry forward the work of the Master.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
JOHN W. POOT,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage.

Mr. President and Brethren:

The Nebraska Synod Trustees of the Nachusa Orphanage are pleased to make a favorable report of the condition of the institution and the work carried on within it. This is the first report of a full year's work. In its first full year of history the orphanage has cared for 18 children, half of them girls and half boys. The ten-room building has been improved by the addition of a rear kitchen, while the house has been raised to make room underneath for a fine basement and heating plant. The out-buildings have been re-arranged in position and improved in appearance. The 46-acre farm has been under cultivation, in the care of a farmer and the boys of the home, while the girls assist the Matron and her helper in the housework. The orphanage has no debt, and there is a small balance in the treasury, but the needs are constant and growing.

Care has been given to the daily religious devotions and instruction of the children, and those of school age have had the benefit of regular school-room work, under the care of a daughter of Rev. T. F. Dornblaser, D. D., of Chicago. All the inmates attend Sunday school and church services at the Nachusa Lutheran Church, where Rev. J. G. M. Hursh is the pastor, he being also the Secretary of the Board of Directors or Trustees; one of our Nebraska Synod representatives being the present President of the Board.

The Matron of the Home is Miss Eliza Eichholtz, a nurse and deaconess of experience, and, beginning with October 1st, Rev. J. K. Bloom, of our Iowa Synod, will become Resident Overseer and Director of the work, in co-operation with the Matron. The Board has not yet seen its way clear to elect or appoint a superintendent, but has under serious consideration the matter of selecting a man for that important office, to be acted on at the fit time.

We are pleased to say that every District Synod of our General Synod from Illinois to the Pacific coast has now representation on the Board of Directors, and the outlook for the orphanage is hopeful for permanency and enlargement. Thursday, September 28th, has been appointed as Visitors' Day this year, when all friends of the work are asked to remember it in prayer and with offerings, and by personal visitation and interest whenever possible. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Ladies' Aid Societies, and our church organizations and people generally are urged to make liberal and constant gifts and

provision for the homeless children placed under Providence in our care at the Nachusa Orphanage. Information concerning any phase of the work will be given through special correspondence with the officers of the Board, or the Matron or Overseer at the orphanage, Nachusa, Ill.

The Nebraska Synod should elect two Trustees or Directors at this annual meeting of the Synod, one for two years and one for one-year term.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. TROXELL,
L. P. LUDDEN,
Nebraska Synod Directors.

Report adopted.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Roy M. Badger.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes approved.

Rev. A. Spiekerman, of Rockport, Mo., fraternal delegate from the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced to the Synod and brought the greetings of that body, and was given a seat in our Synod.

The special order of the day to hear the Report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions was postponed for the reason that the committee was not quite ready to report.

On motion, time and place of next meeting of Synod was considered. The invitation extended from Grace Church, Omaha, was accepted, and the time was left in the hands of the officers of the Synod and pastor *loci*.

On motion, it was decided to set the hour of 2.30 P. M. to hear Miss Jessie Brewer, returned missionary from India.

Miss Elizabeth Haase, of Dakota City, retiring President of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska, was introduced to the Synod and brought the greetings of her society.

The time for the special order having arrived, Miss Brewer

was presented to the Synod and spoke very interestingly of our work in India.

On motion, the Synod expressed its highest appreciation to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society for sending such an able and interesting representative.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions was read.

On motion, it was decided to hear Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., Western Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, in connection with this report.

Time for adjournment was indefinitely postponed.

The following resolution was introduced and passed:

Resolved, That, inasmuch as Rev. Dr. Troxell cannot attend Synod, the President of the Synod request Revs. Dr. Groenmiller, Dr. Eyster, and Kuhlman to conduct the services on Saturday night.

Rev. Otto Klatt, of the German Nebraska Synod, was introduced to Synod and accorded the privilege of the floor.

On motion, Rev. A. Spiekerman was accorded the floor to present a matter on which he had been commissioned by the German Nebraska Synod. This was to make protest against the act of our President in granting licensure to Gustav Klatt. They felt that in so doing it was irregular, that a breach of discipline had been condoned, and that it would have a weakening effect upon the discipline of their Synod.

After hearing what this brother had to say, the Synod adopted the following:

WHEREAS, There has arisen in the German Synod of Nebraska a feeling that a breach of discipline has been condoned and encouraged by the officers of the Synod through the granting of an *ad interim* license to Mr. Gustav Klatt; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of Synod that in the granting of the aforesaid license no weakening of discipline was intended by either the Examining Committee or by the President of Synod.

Resolved, however, That we are grateful to the German Nebraska Synod for sending us a fraternal delegate in the person of Brother Spiekerman, and hope that an exchange of fraternal greetings may be made a regular feature of our meetings.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Zimmerman.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

The address was delivered by the Rev. L. Groh, D. D., of Omaha, on the subject of "Marriage and Divorce."

Offering, $2.57.

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service, led by Rev. George W. Livers.

Minutes approved.

The Supplementary Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read. (See Report of Committee, page 22.)

The report was considered and adopted *seriatim*.

The following resolution was considered and adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of aiding students at Breklum be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education and the Special Committee on Breklum, with power to act.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

The report of M. W. Swain, the Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary, is in the hands of your committee. We recommend that the report be read before the body for consideration and final disposition.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. HAMMOND,
J. E. HUMMON,
ROY M. BADGER.

Report adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Committee on Traveling Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of Treasurer of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

To the Officers and Members of the Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

GENTLEMEN: Your Treasurer of the Committee on the Traveling Secretary would beg leave to offer the following report for the year ending September 1st, 1905:

Balance on hand September 1st, 1904	$266 07	
Received for rent during year	165 00	
Received for damage by lightning, from the Royal Insurance Co.	11 00	
		$442 07

DISBURSEMENTS.

Morris & Co., plumbing bill	$5 20	
J. W. Moar, papering dining-room	5 85	
W. L. Madris, repairing chimney	4 75	
Wheeler & Wheeler, insurance, three years	24 00	
City taxes	41 58	
County taxes	12 39	
Shimer & Chase, new brick sidewalk	35 00	
W. J. Brooks, repairing roof	6 00	
Nebraska Electric Light Co., gas fixtures	18 75	
Morris Bros., repairs and plumbing	8 35	
James Martan & Sons, wire cloth	2 04	
		163 91
Balance on hand		$278 16

The condition of the house is getting to that point when it will require considerable repairs in future. The porches are rotting out some, and the roof will have to be re-shingled very soon, and the plumbing is not very good. I have put in gas fixtures, and I have raised the rent $5.00 per month from September 1st, 1905, expecting to have to use it for repairs.

Trusting you will have a very successful meeting, and sincerely wishing I could have the pleasure of meeting with you if circumstances would permit, I am yours sincerely,

M. W. SWAIN,
Treasurer.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution, introduced by Rev. J. A. Koser:

That the exception in Section 2, of Article VII., reading thus, "Except such cases as in the judgment of the Educational Committee shall demand otherwise," be stricken out.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions was again considered.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

In presenting herewith our annual report, your Advisory Board desires to congratulate the Synod upon the satisfactory condition of the missions on our territory. If, in all instances, there has not been the same degree of progress, some advance has been made. Nowhere has there been retrogression. The missions enrolled have careful and conscientious pastors; the church property has been improved, debts have been paid, the membership has been increased, and, in a number of instances, there has been a reduction in the appropriation received from the Board of Home Missions. One charge has been readjusted,

another has been formed and added to our list, and one of the most important cities in the State has been occupied. The report in detail is as follows:

I. WORK ON HAND LAST YEAR.

1. *Beatrice.*—Rev. J. A. Lowe is still the successful pastor of this mission, which presses steadily toward the goal of self-support; $100.00 is received this year from the Board of Home Missions, a reduction of $50.00 since our last report. The church has been re-roofed during the year, and the work in general is in good condition.

2. *Grand Island.*—Though Pastor W. T. Kahse confirmed a large class prior to entering upon his year's leave of absence, the year has been largely one of internal development and continued seed-sowing. Rev. George A. Bowers, D. D., the supply pastor, by his eloquent preaching and polished manner has considerably strengthenod the position of the church among the religious bodies of the city. Nothing has been done that Pastor Kahse will have to undo before continued progress can be made. Dr. Bowers is one of the best men obtainable to supply our churches in the absence of or pending the arrival of the pastor. May his bow abide in strength yet for years. The church and pastor are to be congratulated upon the determination to become self-supporting from October 1st, 1905, thus relieving the Board of an annual appropriation of $120.00.

3. *Lincoln.*—This is one of our older and strongest missions. The membership now numbers 198, and the Sunday school has an enrollment of 150. The small balance of the floating debt was raised during the year. The Rev. J. W. Ball resigned the pastorate, his resignation taking effect August 31st, 1905. Rev. Ball expects for a time to pursue a special course of study at the State University. The Committee on Pulpit Supply has been put in touch with one of our successful men, and for the good of the church should secure a pastor within a short time.

4. *Omaha, Grace.*—Rev. M. L. Melick has continued as pastor the entire year. The church is in a satisfactory condition, and the outlook decidedly encouraging. There has been a net gain of twelve members. The Sunday school has so increased that one-third of the school has been forced into the auditory. The school offerings average $3.00 per Sunday. The prayer meeting is well attended. Considerably more has been paid on the apportionment than last year. The mission has reduced the appropriation from the Board of Home Missions $50.00. The art-glass windows are being re-leaded and cemented at a considerable expense. Rev. Melick is an experienced missionary, and the work is in safe hands.

5. *Sidney.*—Nine good members have been received. The seventeenth anniversary of the dedication of the church and the fourth of Rev. J. S. Leamer's pastorate were appropriately celebrated by the paying of the last $75.00 of indebtedness. The town is not growing at present, and great church growth cannot be expected. We know Rev. Leamer is holding his own

among the church forces, and our work is being zealously cared for. At Bronson there has been no marked change. Most of the people of the community are now in the church. Rev. Leamer has not been at Potter during the year, as there is but little outlook there for us at the present time. Benevolences are better than last year.

6. *Sioux.*—The addition of Homer from the Dakota charge has materially strengthened this mission. The pastor is paid $100.00 more salary, and at the same time the appropriation from the Home Board has been reduced from $300.00 to $200.00 and the Synod relieved of an annual appropriation of about $50.00. Your Board was fortunate in securing Rev. E. H. Combs for the field. The new parsonage will complete the mission's equipment for work. After November 1st, the pastor will live at Homer, and the mission will be listed as the Homer-Sioux charge. The apportionment has been more than raised at Homer. The outlook is very encouraging.

7. *Wayne.*—The great event of the year for this mission was the re-modeling and re-dedication of their church building, as already mentioned at length in the President's Report. Fifteen members have been received, making a net gain of eleven. The appropriation from the Board has again been reduced $25.00. Rev. Ringer and his people have every reason for encouragement. The mission will doubtless gradually press on toward self-support.

8. *Wilber.*—The year has been a good one with this church. Led by the enthusiastic and capable pastor, the people have worked nobly to improve their church property. The pastor, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, has learned that Western mission work can use a man of many gifts, and during the year he has exercised himself as a painter, brick mason, electrician, and printer, in addition to the regular work of shepherding his people and reaching others. The fact that the pastor and some of his men and boys donated the work tells the secret of how the church and parsonage could be painted, electric lights installed in the parsonage, and chandeliers substituted for drop-lights in the church, brick sidewalk laid in front of church and parsonage, new doors and steps put in place in the church, for the sum of $156.00. The apportionment has been raised with a good excess, the net membership increased by nine, and the appropriation from the Board of Home Missions decreased $100.00. The outlook is remarkably good in Wilber for a year of fine work.

9. *Wolbach.*—The pastor, Rev. E. Bollman, reports that the attendance at church services is good, and that the salary is paid promptly. The apportionment has been met with an excess. Fourteen members have been received, making a net gain of five. At Ericson good work has been done by Mr. George Mendenhall, of Midland College. Work has been begun and occasional services held at Cushing. It should be pushed vigorously and a congregation organized the coming year.

10. *York.*—Rev. R. A. White, at the earnest solicitation of the President of Synod and the recommendation of the South Platte Conference, took charge of this mission January 15th, 1905. The work was then in a precarious con-

dition, the people were much discouraged, and wanted to abandon the enterprise. Pastor White and his good wife took hold of the work with enthusiasm. Unpaid bills on church furniture, taxes, insurance of parsonage, all were taken up and paid. Over $80.00 were thus raised. Later, a stable was built at the parsonage at a cost of $100.00, and now the cellar is being walled and the foundation improved. The attendance at church services has been good for the strength of the membership. Nine new members have been received. The Sunday school has grown and the Ladies' Aid Society is in a good condition. The Advisory Board has appropriated $12.50 a month toward the congregation's part of the pastor's salary. With the condition of the mission much improved and all the old bills paid, the congregation ought soon be able to relieve the Advisory Board of further payment.

II. NEW WORK.

1. *Sutherland, Paxton.*—Last year Synod recommended that the President place a student on the field at and around Paxton, where he had been doing supply work, with a view of developing a charge. Instead, however, the President, together with the Feld Secretary, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., of the Home Mission Board, spent several days at Paxton and Sutherland, a good town close enough to Paxton to unite in the formation of a charge. On January 9th, 1905, a congregation was organized, and the two points united to call a pastor, promising $500.00 toward his support the first year. The Board appropriated $200.00, and Rev. L. J. Powell, of the graduating class of Wittenberg, was secured for the field. Rev. Powell has taken hold with energy, and has thoroughly adapted himself to the territory. Sunday schools have been organized, the new hymn books are used, and soon we shall have the best congregation in that district.

2. *South Omaha.*—Rev. J. A. Lowe, of our Advisory Board, visited this city on his way from the last meeting of Synod, and reported we ought to begin a work there. The President followed the suggestion, secured an appropriation of $20.00 per month from the Home Mission Board, and Ralph W. Livers was sent as a missionary, at a salary of $50.00 per month, to make a canvass, and, if favorable, to inaugurate work. German, Swede, and Danish Lutheran Churches were found, but there were also found many unchurched people of our faith. Sunday school was started the first Sunday of August and public worship was started the same day, the former with forty-six and the latter with twenty-eight in attendance. The outlook was so encouraging that an organization was determined upon, and this was accomplished last Sunday, September 17th, at which time Revs. H. L. Yarger, D. D., J. L. Neve, D. D., and the Chairman of the Advisory Board were present and assisted in the organization. Twenty-five united to form the charter membership, but as the list has been left open until October 8th, at which time permanent officers will be elected, the number will probably be increased. Rev.

Livers has shown great adaptability for new work, and has labored to the entire satisfaction of those in charge.

3. *Benson.*—This is a town of 1,000, a suburb of Omaha, and connected by street cars. The President of the Synod visited the town in company with Missionary Livers. More than half the people are Lutheran, some say as much as 75 per cent. The Methodist is the only Protestant Church in the town. At different times the Missouri Synod inaugurated German services, but without success. Missionary Livers was directed to hold evening services and give as much time as he could spare from South Omaha. Thus far the work has not proven the success we had hoped, but the outlook is improving, and we are convinced by continuing the work a congregation can be organized the coming year. The purpose and plan of the Advisory Board is to have both South Omaha and Benson served for some months by one man. This can be done, as there is street-car connection and but a single fare is required. Before long, however, a man should be placed upon the territory to give his entire attention to that work.

III. APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The Board of Home Missions the past year appropriated $2,410.00 to the missions on our territory, the amounts being as follows: Beatrice, $100.00; Grand Island, $120.00; Lincoln, $200.00; Omaha, Grace, $450.00; Sidney, $130.00; Homer and Sioux, $200.00; Wayne, $225.00; Wilber, $100.00; Wolbach, $285.00; York, $400.00; Sutherland and Paxton, $200.00; this is a net reduction of $305.00 during the year.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That this Synod recognize with gratitude the favor and blessing of our God, so signally manifested the past year, as shown in the organization of new congregations and the reduction of appropriations.

2. That we congratulate the church at Grand Island upon the determination to become self-supporting, and rejoice that others are rapidly reaching the point when further aid will not be required.

3. That the Field Secretary of the Western District, Rev. L. P. Ludden, D. D., be requested at the earliest possible date to visit York and assist in pushing the canvass for pastor's salary, with a view of increasing the support from the field.

4. Whereas, the Board of Home Missions has agreed to appropriate $400.00 for the work in South Omaha the first year, and the church at Omaha will attempt to raise $400.00, we would recommend that the Synod refer the matter of its appropriation for pastor's support in South Omaha to the Advisory Board, with power to act.

5. We recommend that the congregation at Yutan make formal application to the Board of Home Missions for a blank, stating number of members in church and the amount of salary that can be raised on the field for the sup-

port of a pastor, and request an appropriation from that Board in order that a good man can be secured, our interests conserved, and our work along the new line of railway developed.

6. That it is the sense of this Synod that at least one new mission should be opened within the bounds of this Synod every year, and, accordingly, that the Advisory Board be instructed to seek some promising point or points and in some way to take proper steps for occupancy the coming year.

7. That the appropriation for the Advisory Board of Home Missions be 10 cents per member.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SEIBERT,
J. S. LEAMER,
J. A. LOWE,
M. D. BERG,
R. A. WHITE.

Before the adoption of this report Rev. Luther P. Ludden, D. D., Field Secretary of the Western District of Home Missions, spoke with great interest of the wonderful work of Home Missions.

A vote of appreciation was extended to the Board for the interest taken in the work of the Nebraska Synod, renewing their promise of support to them, also for the presence of their Field Secretary.

The report was adopted.

In the absence of a report from our Trustees to Midland College, it was decided to have printed the statement as sent to the Synod from the President.

Midland College Statement.

The last year at Midland College was the first of the new administration, half of the male members of the faculty, including the President, being new men. The work of the year was characterized by earnestness and loyalty to the college interests without partiality and, we believe, without hypocrisy, the watchword being, on the part of every instructor, *sincerity* in the greater cause.

The number of students catalogued for the year was 173, as against 145 of the year previous, an increase of 28. The year closed without debt or deficit, every instructor being paid month by month and all bills being met.

Several new features have been introduced, one new department being

added, that of Domestic Science, for young ladies, under the care of Miss Maria Linley, a graduate of the college, and military dress and drill being successfully introduced for the young men who may elect to take advantage of it.

Nearly $10,000.00 have been added during the year to the productive endowment of the college, and the attention of our Nebraska Synod is called to the need of increased interest in its own Synod's promised endowment. In the effort now on for a larger and better equipped and supported Midland the Nebraska Synod should do much better every year than to send a sum like $5.00, recently at hand from Treasurer Miller for endowment. Will not the Synod stir itself to better work in this direction?

The faculty force of last year will be maintained this year, with one exception, Prof. McCord resigning a week before the opening of the college, with the hope of bettering his condition in another place; and the diffiulty of securing a successor to take up his work in the two fields of mathematics and science emphasizes the need of an enlarged Midland in the division of his chair. We are at work on that hard problem just now. Will the Nebraska Synod sustain us in an advanced step, long talked of as necessary and now seeming to be an absolute necessity?

The year 1905-1906 opens with the greatest of encouragement. The increase over last year in new students is about 25 per cent. at this time in the term which is now only two weeks old. A good number of our students come from Nebraska, and we are pleased with the material. There is room for many more. We are working hard for at least 200 students this year and want 300 next year. For the enlarged Midland we have plans begun for a new chapel and assembly hall on the campus, a library building, a central heating plant, and a new recitation hall. Last year this enlargement programme included also the purchase of the President's house, but that has been consummated we are grateful and thankful to report. The Trustees of the college now hold that good and needed property in their own name and title, as Midland College property, for the house, home, or parsonage, perpetually, of the college President.

The college has finally secured also, during the last year, full recognition by the State Board of Education for its graduates in the arts course and work in pedagogy for would-be teachers, so that they may secure State teachers' certificates without required examination. Last year, for the first time in the history of the college, there was a class in the graduate school, consisting of four members, who took the required course in pedagogics.

One of the most gratifying indications of the fulfillment of a main purpose in the founding of the college is what is believed to be an increasing number of students now year by year who propose to devote their lives to the holy work of the ministry. The aim of the college administration is to encourage and deepen the devotional and missionary spirit, though by no means to the repression of mentul activity and acquisition. In this aim we ask the sym-

pathy, prayers, and loyal support of our valued constituency of the Nebraska Synod.

In conclusion, we emphasize the idea of vital connection and interest in the college on the part of every congregation to the extent of at least one student from each field. This is a modest request, and possible of easy fulfillment if our pastors and people kindly and heartily co-operate in the building up of the student body at Midland.

For the college and its work,

MILLARD F. TROXELL, *President.*

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your committee would report as follows:

The congregations now vacant and those soon to become so are Yutan, Tekamah, Auburn, Lincoln, Davenport, and McCool Junction.

To this number might be added South Omaha, just received into Synod. As some of these points are under the consideration of the Advisory Board of Home Missions, your committee has no recommendations to make.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
J. A. KOSER,
L. L. LIPE.

Report adopted.

On motion, Rev. J. A. Koser was given the floor to present the work of the Deaconess Board.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee would respectfully report that the following young brethren appeared before them: Revs. L. J. Powell and William T. Kahse, applying for ordination, and Revs. Oscar Woods, Ralph Livers, and Gustav Klatt, applying for licensure. We have given them the regular examination and find it satisfactory. We recommend that their respective requests be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
L. L. LIPE,
J. W. BALL,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

Supplemental Report of the Treasurer was made and adopted.

(See page 15.)

Report of Delegates to General Synod.

Your delegates to the General Synod desire to present the following report:

It was a great privilege and blessing to be able to attend the meeting held at Pittsburgh in June. While the weather was intensely warm, the session was so harmonious and the reports so encouraging and the addresses so interesting that the session was very enjoyable and profitable to all who were present.

While there were differences of opinion upon many questions there were no factional fights nor long speeches, and the business was completed in eight days.

It is gratifying to us to be able to report that while your delegation was not so large as some others, that they were very faithful in attendance and a much larger per cent. of our delegates were present at the devotional services than any other Synod. We were especially gratified to represent our Synod at a time when the reports showed that we had exceeded our apportionment to all the Boards.

This fact enabled us to make a strong appeal for help from the Home Mission Board for our Western field.

All the Boards reported an increase in the amount of money contributed during the biennium.

The Board of Church Extension reported that their Board was never in as good a condition before. Two hundred and fifty-five churches were aided during the biennium. This Board brought before the Synod the matter of making an apportionment for a Parsonage Fund. The Synod made no appropriation, and referred the matter back to the Church Extension Board.

The Foreign Mission Board reported that owing to the liberal contributions of the friends of Foreign Missions and the increased offerings from the churches and Sunday schools, the Board was able to report that it was out of debt.

Because of imperative enlargement and the promising outlook more money is needed for this great work, and the Synod almost unanimously voted to raise the apportionment from 20 cents to 25 cents per member. The work in India is growing very rapidly, and we should have more missionaries and prayer houses in that field. The health of the missionaries and the progress in the work in Africa showed the wisdom of the Board in continuing that work.

While the Home Mission Board reported increased contributions on account of the number of new missions aided, at the insistent and urgent demands from the various churches and Synods, they had incurred a debt of about $8,000.00. This amount was raised on the floor of Synod. Your delegates gave $100.00 of that amount. The General Synod instructed this Board that hereafter they were to limit their appropriations to the amount contributed, so as not to make any more debts.

The Board of Education reported increased contributions to their work, and that progress had been made in all the institutions receiving aid.

Synod voted to pay $10,000.00 of the amount promised to Carthage from

the General Synod Treasury. The Board recommended that the German Department of the Western Theological Department be removed from Atchison. This matter was referred back to the Board with power to act. The proposition from Ansgar College was not accepted, mainly for the reasons that the Board does not have the funds; that it is too difficult to secure competent teachers; and the fear of creating a bitter feeling between our Synod and the Augustana Synod.

The warmest discussion during the entire session was on the matter of changing the basis of the apportionment from the present system, and base it upon the amount contributed by the individual congregations for local expenses. It looked like an effort of the larger and more wealthy Synods, who fail to raise their apportionment, to place a greater burden upon the Synods which do. After a long debate the resolution was defeated and the matter referred to the District Synods to discuss, as the matter will be brought up at the meeting in 1907.

A committee was appointed to report at Sunbury a plan for the entertainment of the delegates of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SEIBERT,
L. GROH,
J. A. KOSER,
E. BOLLMAN,
M. D. BERG,
JOSEPH H. MILLER,
G. A. CRANNEL.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we have listened with pleasure to the representatives of the Boards of Foreign Missions, Education, Church Extension, Home Missions, Deaconess Work, and that we pledge them our continued loyal support in all the departments of their growing work.

2. *Resolved*, That the letter of Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, so optimistic in tone and so cheering to all our supporters of the college, be published in the minutes; that we congratulate those in charge on the encouraging condition of the institution, and that we heartily endorse the action contemplated to strengthen the teaching force by dividing the chair of science and electing an additional professor.

3. WHEREAS, The prayers to the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest are being answered as seen in the increased number of

students for the ministry entering our Western colleges, and the hopeful outlook for a large attendance at the Western Seminary; and,

WHEREAS, These young men need the best theological and Lutheran training to prepare them for an efficient ministry in our Church:

Resolved, That we appreciate the decision of the Board of Education to elect an additional professor for the English Department of the Western Seminary, and trust that soon a like additional professor can be added to the German Department; further, be it

Resolved, That this Synod would regret to see the seminary divided by the removal of the German Department; but if, in the permanent location of the institution, it is decided to remove the entire seminary from Atchison, this Synod expresses the conviction that it should be located either at Omaha or Lincoln.

4. *Resolved*, That this Synod appreciates the attendance and has received inspiration from the fathers, not often permitted by the infirmities of age, to meet with us, the Revs. J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., M. L. Kuhlman, and W. F. Eyster, D. D., and pray a double portion of their spirit of consecration and loyalty for the work they have handed down to us and whose foundations they have so firmly laid.

5. WHEREAS, The General Synod has declared the amounts apportioned for General Synod and Synodical Treasury objects to be dues, and charges back to the various Synods any unpaid amounts; and,

WHEREAS, This Synod needs the full amount apportioned for its Synodical treasury:

Resolved, That Synod, beginning with next year, instructs its Apportionment Committee to add to the regular apportionment of the several congregations deficient any unpaid balances for these two objects.

6. *Resolved*, That the proper officers be authorized to grant the Historian access to the Minutes and such documents as may be needed for the discharge of his office.

7. *Resolved*, That this Synod pledges its cordial support to the officers of the Nebraska Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in the endeavor to realize the aim of the General Society—an Auxiliary in every congregation.

8. *Resolved*, That Synod endorse Rev. John W. Poot as a man of beautiful Christian character, devout piety, Scriptural as a preacher, and heartily commend him to any and all of our churches and pastors desiring assistance in conducting special services.

9. *Resolved*, That 850 copies of the Minutes of Synod be printed for distribution, and that the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be granted the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Minutes of Synod, and that 25 copies be placed at the disposal of that society for special use.

10. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be given the good people of the church and citizens of Wilber for their kind hospitality, and that the President of Synod be instructed to manifest this our gratitude at the Sunday evening

service, and to assure them of our interest and sympathy in the work of our common Master.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SEIBERT,
L. GROH,
M. L. KUNKELMAN.

Report considered and adopted *seriatim*.

The Report of the Committee on South Platte Conference not being considered in shape for the Synod to act upon it, as there were no recommendations it was recommitted to the committee. Rev. Ringer reported that he was the only member of the committee left, and asked to have two members appointed to act with him.

On motion, the President was given the power to appoint two in place of the absent ones, and Revs. L. L. Lipe and W. T. Kahse were appointed.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses would recommend that the following brethren be excused for non-attendance at this session of Synod: Revs. S. L. Aughey, LL. D., D. Z. Foulk, W. G. Gettle, J. H. Link, H. J. Hapeman, L. M. Kuhns, M. F. Troxell, D. D., W. C. Eckhart.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. BERG,
G. KLATT,
D. SHUPE.

Report adopted.

The following motion was made and carried:

That a committee of three be appointed to consider and report at this meeting of Synod any matters worthy of its attention connected with the welfare of its young people and Young People's Societies.

The President appointed as this committee Rev. J. W. Ball, Rev. W. T. Kahse, and Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your committee would beg leave to report that the following brethren have asked to be excused from further attendance at this meeting of Synod: Revs.

J. E. Hummon, J. W. Kimmel, H. A. Wolfe, G. W. Livers, W. F. Poot, L. P. Ludden, D. D., Dr. Joseph H. Miller, Messrs. G. A. Crannel, and Daniel Shupe. Your committee would recommend that the request of these brethren be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN,
L. J. POWELL.

Report adopted.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Rev. N. A. Whitman, M. L. Kunkelman, and J. W. Poot, to take under consideration the church at Steinauer and make some report at this meeting of Synod.

On motion, the Synod proceeded to the election of Trustees to Midland College and Nachusa Orphanage.

Rev. John F. Seibert was elected Trustee to Midland for two years and Rev. John E. Hummon for one year.

On motion, the Secretary of Synod was given power to cast the vote of Synod for Drs. Troxell and Ludden as Trustees of the Nachusa Orphanage.

On motion, the Chair was given power to appoint a fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod.

Rev. W. T. Kahse was appointed.

Adjourned with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Opened with prayer.

Minutes approved.

On motion, Rev. W. T. Kahse, having just returned from Germany, was requested to tell of what he knew of the work that is being done at Breklum, and his opinion of the institution.

The following bills were presented and ordered paid :

J. H. Miller, Treasurer, for postage and stationery	$9 50
J. S. Leamer, Secretary, postage and baggage	1 25
C. J. Ringer, Statistical Secretary, printing and postage	2 50

Report of Committee on Steinauer Church.

1. We recommend that another year's effort be made to reorganize that work, and that Rev. Whitman, of Pawnee City, be requested to give them all the preaching and attention possible.

2. That Brother J. W. Poot be requested, in conjunction with Rev. Whitman, to give them a week's evangelistic work during the early part of the Synodical year, if possible, and that the Synod in some way compensate him for his time if he fails to secure sufficient on the field.

3. That in case the city of Steinauer orders the sidewalk laid on the east side of our church at that place, that the President of Synod is authorized to appoint a committee to see that provision is made for that work.

Respectfully submitted,

N. A. WHITMAN,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
JOHN W. POOT.

Report adopted.

Report of Calendar Committee.

(See Report, page 2.)

Report adopted.

On motion, the Secretary of Synod was ordered to have the minutes of Synod bound in volume, to date.

On motion, the officers of Synod were constituted a committee to revise the Constitution of Synod, collect together all the standing resolutions, and submit the same for approval at the next meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Young People's Societies.

Your committee has examined the parochial reports of Synod, and finds that there are in the Synod 29 societies, having a membership of 935, a loss of 83 from last year. These societies contributed for local expenses $848.55, a falling off of $289.86. For benevolence they gave $155.92, $64.18 less than a year ago. Ten congregations report no societies. While we regret to note a falling off in membership and contributions of the societies, nevertheless we rejoice in the work they are doing and for their growth in grace and service.

We believe it to be desirable to have a Young People's Society in every church. It would be well also, if practicable, for neighboring Young People's Societies, including those belonging to other Lutheran Synods or Conferences, to meet occasionally for mutual acquaintance and improvement in the manner of conducting their societies.

We recommend, therefore, that this or a similar committee be continued, with instructions to render such aid to our societies as may be in their power, and to seek to bring them into closer relations with each other and with similar societies of other Lutheran churches on our territory.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
C. H. B. LEWIS,
W. T. KAHSE.

Report adopted.

Delegates appointed to Anti-Saloon League: Rev. John E. Hummon, Rev. J. W. Poot.

Representative in Board of Direction: Rev. M. D. Berg.

Preparatory Services.

Preparatory services were held at 3 o'clock. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Leamer.

Synod called to order at 4.30.

Report of Committee on Sunday Services.

M. E. Church, morning—Rev. M. D. Berg.
Christian Church, evening—Rev. R. A. White.
Grace Lutheran, Lincoln—Rev. M. L. Melick.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE,
CHARLES H. B. LEWIS,
JOHN W. POOT.

Report adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined the Treasurer's records and vouchers, and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIVERS,
C. J. RINGER,
O. A. WICKERT.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your committee beg leave to report that we have examined the records and find that Conference held two very interesting and well-attended meetings during the year, respectively, at Surprise, November 15th to 17th, 1904, and Roca, May 9th to 11th, 1905, at which meetings questions of importance and interest to the Church and God's kingdom were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
L. L. LIPE,
W. T. KAHSE.

Report adopted.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9.30 O'CLOCK.

The Sunday School was addressed by Revs. W. T. Kahse, Oscar Woods, and Mr. C. E. Gilliland.

Holy Communion, 11 A. M. Sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Hammond.

Christian Endeavor was addressed by Revs. Oscar Woods, J. S. Leamer, and John F. Seibert.

Ordination Service, 8 P. M. Sermon was preached by Rev. N. A. Whitman.

At the close of the ordination sermon, the President of Synod, assisted by the Secretary and other members, licensed Oscar Woods, Ralph Livers, and Gustav Klatt to preach the Gospel and administer the Sacraments for one year, and ordained Revs. Lawrence J. Powell and William T. Kahse to the Gospel ministry, in accordance with the usages of our General Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The President declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet in Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb.; time to be decided upon by the officers of the Synod and the pastor of said church.

J. S. LEAMER,
Secretary.

Executive Council.

As no meeting of the Executive Council could be held, by a proper document, signed by Revs. J. A. Lowe, J. S. Leamer, and L. L. Lipe, the President was given power of attorney to approve the bond of the Treasurer.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																								See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.									Finances.							
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Members.	Confirmed Members.	Baptized Members.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.							
Ball, Jesse W., Lincoln	Grace Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	1	11	..	3	5	12	3	5	5	..	198	234	300	$10000 00	$4000 00	$1684 71						
Berg, M. D., Ponca	Salem	1	1	2	..	8	..	2	1	4	..	5	..	6	160	122	146	10000 00	290 00	1502 81						
Badger, R. M., Hardy	Union	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	..	..	67	78	78	3000 00	..	337 94						
	Jewell	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	21	21	2000 00	..	101 18						
	Trinity	1	1	1	1	8	..	4	5	7	1	10	2	1	47	50	67	4000 00	15 00	450 00						
Bollman, E., Wolbach	Cushing	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	6	6	..	..	..						
Bonnell, W. S. (supply), Tekamah	Immanuel	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	37	37	44	3500 00	..	402 53						
	Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	39	39	..	2250 00	..	179 45						
	Grace, South Sioux City	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	2	5	..	35	51	69	2000 00	..	280 00						
Combs, Elmer H., South Sioux	St. Paul's, Homer	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	2	12	1	..	35	37	51	1200 00	..	276 55						
Dieffenbach, W., South Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	63	63	68	3000 00	..	179 40						
Grob, L., Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	12	2	3	7	20	..	2	7	..	79	79	40	2500 00	..	1250 00						
Hummon, John E., Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1	1	2	..	52	3	10	11	10	15	29	28	2	300	400	550	125000 00	..	3950 65						
Hammond, J. L., Waverly	Roca	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	24	24	41	1500 00	..	165 65						
	Waverly	1	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	47	64	2500 00	..	328 00						
Kunkelman, M. L., Rising City	First Ev. Luth., Rising City	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	5	4	..	73	83	100	6000 00	..	400 00						
	Surprise	1	..	..	2	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	50	60	65	2500 00	..	410 00						
Koser, J. A., Nebraska City	First	1	..	2	..	12	2	..	4	5	2	3	2	..	102	106	156	3000 00	..	1500 00						
Klatt, Gustav, Stamford	Trinity	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	2	80	95	170	1500 00	..	600 00						
	St. Paul's	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	36	43	75	..	..	10 00						
	Christ	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	30	50	..	..	2 00						
Lipe, L. L., West Point	Grace Lutheran	1	..	1	..	17	1	3	6	11	..	8	1	3	207	230	330	8500 00	1900 00	2148 00						
Lowe, J. A., Beatrice	Trinity	1	..	3	1	8	..	6	11	..	..	2	..	..	144	144	166	8000 00	..	1206 55						

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1	1	13	150	$71 89	$50 75	33	$12 00	$7 50	.....	$2 90	$42 90	$50 00	$5 81	$29 85	$8 85	$32 40	.....	$5 38	$2 67	.....	$19 25	$200 01	$1884 72
2	1	20	138	112 01	35 97	48	56 85	10 00	$2 76	8 28	34 46	35 65	18 40	11 04	13 80	60 05	$6 44	5 15	6 44	$4 60	13 00	220 07	1722 88
3	1	14	130	62 63	.....	40	23 75	.....	1 86	5 58	17 36	12 40	12 40	7 44	9 30	.....	4 34	3 10	4 34	3 10	4 34	85 56	417 50
4	1	10	60	47 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	1 80	5 60	4 00	4 00	2 40	3 00	.....	1 40	1 00	1 40	1 00	31 40	57 60	158 78
5	1	11	96	25 00	35 00	10	25 00	5 00	1 20	3 60	11 24	8 00	8 00	7 80	6 00	.....	2 80	5 40	2 80	2 00	5 20	61 04	511 04
...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
[illegible]	1	10	42	25 00	3 50	15	5 00	.....	1 47	4 41	21 72	9 80	9 80	5 88	7 35	31 45	2 50	4 30	2 25	2 00	3 43	108 36	510 89
[illegible]	1	11	44	22 90	3 52	29	2 05	.....	.....	.....	12 98	.....	9 20	5 52	.....	86 97	3 22	3 52	3 22	2 30	.....	126 93	306 38
[illegible]	1	8	19	25 96	2 40	18	11 75	.....	1 05	.....	9 55	4 52	4 00	2 00	4 00	.....	.....	1 70	.....	70	2 10	29 62	309 62
[illegible]	1	8	35	10 45	6 40	.....	.....	.....	66	2 06	6 16	4 40	7 40	2 64	3 30	2 25	1 54	7 50	1 55	1 10	7 94	45 50	322 05
[illegible]	1	6	53	14 00	.....	23	2 10	.....	1 86	.....	5 28	9 16	5 36	7 44	.....	.....	.....	3 71	.....	.....	.....	32 81	212 21
[illegible]	1	20	155	135 00	45 00	42	50 00	45 00	2 40	7 20	*62 40	†46 00	16 00	19 60	.....	.....	5 60	4 00	1 34	.....	53 00	217 54	1467 54
[illegible]	1	25	221	225 83	177 75	72	53 00	29 00	7 50	22 50	70 00	50 00	50 00	30 00	37 50	83 93	17 50	12 50	17 50	12 50	346 50	757 93	4707 98
[illegible]	1	8	40	34 60	16 20	13	.....	.....	70	2 10	6 50	4 70	5 00	2 80	3 50	.....	1 65	1 15	1 65	1 15	1 61	32 51	198 16
[illegible]	1	8	50	25 00	5 00	14	3 00	.....	1 47	4 41	13 72	9 80	9 80	5 88	7 35	.....	3 45	2 45	3 43	2 45	3 43	67 64	395 64
[illegible]	1	14	75	25 00	30 00	30	5 00	12 00	1 83	5 49	19 10	16 05	18 17	7 32	9 15	22 00	6 00	8 00	8 00	4 00	4 36	129 47	529 47
[illegible]	1	9	35	18 00	20 00	12	4 00	10 00	1 56	4 68	25 00	14 34	15 11	16 31	7 80	.....	3 64	8 89	3 64	2 60	17 14	120 71	530 71
[illegible]	1	14	110	85 00	20 00	15	.....	.....	3 06	9 18	43 56	20 40	20 40	12 24	15 30	.....	7 14	5 10	7 14	5 10	3 83	152 45	1652 45
[illegible]	1	1	15	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600 00
[illegible]	1	1	35	78 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
[illegible]	1	1	8	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
[illegible]	1	19	249	180 00	20 00	95	65 00	13 00	6 15	18 45	87 40	41 00	41 00	24 60	30 75	17 70	14 35	10 25	14 35	10 25	34 35	320 60	2468 60
[illegible]	1	14	100	43 15	27 76	30	69 35	5 00	4 75	14 31	51 52	31 80	31 80	17 28	5 78	33 51	11 13	7 95	11 13	7 95	21 13	250 04	1456 59

* $10.00 for Board's debt.

† $90.00 of the above is for student in India.

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Livers, G. W., Benedict	Bethel	1	..	1	..	....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	34	34	34	$1800 00	.....	$301	41				
	Zion's	1	..	2	..	....	2	6	4	....	13	4	1	3	97	97	97	3500 00	.....	757	52				
Lewis, Charles H. B., Wilber	First Evan. Lutheran	1	1	1	..	30	....	1	....	....	1	9	....	..	57	65	86	4000 00	$325 00	635	59				
Leamer, J. S., Sidney	Trinity	1	..	1	..	9	4	....	....	3	1	3	4	1	48	64	107	3500 00	.....	853	00				
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	16	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	..	22	22	30	.....	.....	.....					
Melick, M. L., 1329 S. Twenty-sixth St., Omaha	Grace	1	..	2	..	20	....	4	2	8	4	8	1	2	111	111	159	12000 00	3500 00	1310	00				
Mendenhall, George N., Ericson	First Evan. Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	..	16	16	16	1200 00	185 00	50	00				
Poot, W. F., Stella	Trinity Ev. Luth., Stella	1	..	1	..	....	2	2	....	2	14	1	1	..	73	92	95	4000 00	.....	953	02				
Poot, John W., Davenport	Christ's, Davenport	1	..	..	..	....	1	3	....	4	....	....	....	..	100	162	172	4000 00	.....	700	00				
	St. Paul's, Carlisle	1	..	..	..	....	....	..	....	1	....	1	1	..	22	22	35	.....	.....	150	00				
Powell, L. J., Sutherland	Holy Trinity, Paxton	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	3	....	....	....	5	26	30	75	.....	.....	119	47				
	Grace, Sutherland	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	10	....	27	1	..	24	28	65	.....	.....	78	00				
Ringer, C. J., Wayne	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	....	1	....	3	3	2	5	1	7	107	116	156	7000 00	200 00	3276	00				
Seibert, John F., North Platte	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	20	1	9	13	16	5	21	2	..	160	200	290	10000 00	.....	1457	55				
Wolfe, H. A., McCool Junction	First	1	..	..	..	....	....	2	....	7	....	....	2	..	76	103	140	3800 00	.....	640	00				
White, R. A., York	First	1	..	1	..	6	....	....	6	3	....	4	3	2	35	40	57	900 00	500 00	361	07				
Whitman, N. A., Pawnee City	First Lutheran	1	..	1	..	....	....	4	....	1	1	....	5	..	44	47	63	2500 00	225 00	460	00				
	Zion	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	7	7	7	2250 00	.....	.....					
Vacant, Dakota City	Emmanuel	1	..	1	..	....	....	3	7	2	....	....	....	..	31	48	71	1850 00	.....	495	70				
	Salem	1	..	1	..	....	....	8	....	1	....	....	1	..	87	87	130	4570 00	.....	550	10				
Troxell, M. F	No charge	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....					
Gettle, W. G	No charge	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....					
Ludwig, A. T	No charge	..	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....					

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[illegible]	1	12	59	$8 45	$4 33	8	$25 00	.....	$1 11	$4 93	$11 36	$7 40	$7 40	$4 44	$5 55	.....	$2 59	$1 85	$2 59	$1 85	$2 59	$53 66	$355 07
[illegible]	1	14	137	26 04	11 62	9	.....	.....	2 70	8 10	25 20	18 00	18 00	10 80	13 50	$8 37	6 30	4 50	6 30	4 50	6 30	132 57	890 09
[illegible]	1	10	115	52 24	28 51	36	16 00	$7 87	1 44	4 32	24 24	51 86	10 00	6 00	7 25	.....	3 36	3 75	3 36	2 40	.....	117 98	753 57
[illegible]	1	16	97	55 00	.....	36	23 00	55	.....	5 04	10 85	5 00	8 00	2 80	4 00	.....	3 92	.....	3 92	2 80	.....	46 33	899 33
[illegible]	1	5	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	1 89	4 21	1 23	4 20	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	14 66	14 66
[illegible]	1	15	153	141 00	41 98	45	120 00	.....	3 06	.....	28 28	21 70	12 56	4 32	.....	.....	.....	5 10	7 14	.....	10 00	92 13	1402 13
[illegible]	1	5	60	10 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	48	1 00	1 45	.....	2 65	1 92	.....	.....	1 12	2 30	1 12	80	.....	12 84	62 84
[illegible]	1	12	90	25 00	8 83	.....	.....	.....	2 43	7 29	22 08	16 20	16 20	9 72	12 15	31 00	5 67	4 05	5 67	4 05	5 67	142 18	1095 20
[illegible]	1	13	120	52 25	.....	40	48 50	.....	3 30	7 50	15 00	7 92	5 62	.....	8 00	14 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	.....	68 34	768 34
[illegible]	1	8	70	40 00	9 21	.....	.....	.....	60	1 80	6 60	4 16	5 05	3 40	4 00	.....	2 40	1 00	1 40	1 00	.....	31 41	181 41
[illegible]	1	12	40	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	3 75	8 35	5 00	5 00	3 00	3 75	.....	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	10 22	45 82	165 29
[illegible]	1	12	35	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78 00
[illegible]	1	9	75	48 95	4 85	15	35 00	.....	.....	3 00	20 45	5 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	.....	6 65	.....	6 65	20	1 55	54 50	3330 50
[illegible]	1	15	155	131 27	69 08	.....	.....	.....	4 65	14 00	†74 60	32 00	32 00	20 00	23 25	22 00	11 00	8 00	10 85	8 00	‡22 00	282 35	1739 90
[illegible]	1	8	85	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 28	6 84	21 28	15 20	.....	9 12	11 40	.....	2 86	4 00	.....	.....	5 32	78 30	718 30
[illegible]	1	9	50	14 50	6 60	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 56	2 50	5 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	2 00	24 06	385 13
[illegible]	1	10	44	61 00	2 16	36	30 60	.....	1 17	3 51	10 92	7 80	7 80	4 68	5 58	.....	2 73	1 95	2 73	1 95	.....	50 82	510 82
[illegible]	1	15	70	33 75	16 99	18	107 50	11 00	1 20	3 60	11 20	13 10	8 07	4 80	6 00	165 50	2 80	2 00	2 80	2 00	35 00	198 07	693 77
[illegible]	1	10	65	9 82	1 00	110	30 10	.....	2 82	9 98	16 50	12 03	19 00	11 44	19 10	37 18	6 70	4 70	6 80	.....	32 95	179 20	729 30
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00
[illegible]	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	2 00

* Organized since Synod and not apportioned; an offering of $11.69 was added to the benevolence of Paxton.

† $28.00 for Home Mission Debt.

‡ York Mission, $5.00.

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Link, J. H.	No charge																				47					
Skovgard, T. P.	No charge																									
Hapeman, H. J.	No charge																									
Kimmel, J. W.	No charge																									
Kuhns, L. M.	No charge									10																
Groenmiller, J. G.	No charge																									
Zimmerman, J.	No charge																									
Elson, S. R.	No charge																									
Ludden, L. P.	No charge																									
Augustine, I. N.	No charge																									
Eusten, W. F.	No charge																									
Aughey, S. L.	No charge																									
Kuhlman, J. F.	No charge																									
Kahse, William T., Grand Island	St. Paul's	1	1		1		2	5		8	1			6	125	125	200	$8000 00	$300 00	$1251 50						
Vacant, Yutan	Zion	1	1	1											19	19	25	2500 00								
Livers, R. (supply), South Omaha	Trinity														25	25	25									
Totals for 1905		42	7	36	6	237	28	92	104	170	74	171	83	46	3104	3578	4792	$279320 00	$11440 00	$31758 75						
Totals for 1904		39	6	41	5	361	31	81	179	158	92	248	110	49	2882	....	3846	$254600 00	$11750 00	$33105 64						
Increase		3	1	..	1	....	....	9	....	12	....	....	....	....	222	....	946	$24720 00	....	....						
Decrease		....	....	5	....	124	3	....	75	....	18	77	27	3	....	....	....	....	$310 00	$1346 89						

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47										$2 00												$2 00	$2 00
48										2 00												2 00	2 00
49										2 00												2 00	2 00
50										2 00												2 00	2 00
51										2 00												2 00	2 00
52										2 00												3 60	5 00
53										2 00												2 00	2 00
54										2 00												2 00	2 00
55										2 00												2 00	2 00
56										2 00												2 00	2 00
57										2 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00									5 00	5 00
58										2 00	3 00	2 00									$3 00	10 00	10 00
59										2 00	1 00		1 00	$1 00								5 00	5 00
60	1	20	160	$120 00	$22 20	20	$25 00		$3 75	11 25	35 00	25 98	31 47	15 65	$5 03		$8 75	$8 06	$8 75	$6 25		168 69	1420 90
61									57	1 71	5 33	3 80	3 80	2 28			1 33		1 33	95		21 04	21 04
62																							
63	42	494	3561	2074 87	732 47	935	848 55	$155 92	73 82	248 46	887 88	631 90	495 87	333 41	308 29	590 31	164 63	156 16	168 01	114 49	712 11	4878 30	36639 80
64	37	452	3401	2396 00	681 97	1018	1138 41	220 10	118 38	282 42	745 37	499 05	509 86	284 94	451 65	516 60	151 94	72 56	139 84	119 10	638 26	4535 28	38441 92
65	5	42	160		$50 50						$142 51	$132 85		$48 47		$73 71	$12 69	$83 60	$28 17		$73 85	$343 02	
66				$321 13		83	$289 86	$64 18	$44 56	$33 96			$13 99		$143 36					$4 61			$1802 12

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER, *Statistical Secretary.*